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Please amend the last paragraph on page 7 as follows:

While the absorbable sponge material can be employed with any suitable medical instrument, a preferred device and method for facilitating hemostasis of a biopsy tract is described herein to illustrate use of the absorbable sponge material. The technique is further described in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. [..... and bears Attorney Docket No. 032005-030] 09/247,880, filed on [May 28,] February 10, 1999 and entitled "Device and Method for Facilitating Hemostasis of a Biopsy Tract," [which application] now U.S. Patent No. 6,086,607, which is incorporated herein by reference.--

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